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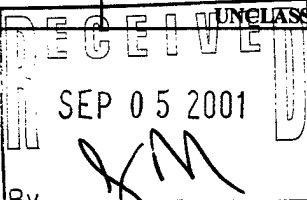
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## STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM STUDIED:

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## SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULTS

During the period of this grant several important results were achieved which can be briefly summarized into three parts: For more details on each part, please refer to the publications (see the list of all publications).

1) We were able to detect the entire fluorescence spectra (from 250 nm to 700 nm) from a near-unity fraction of ambient aerosols at a reasonably large drawing volume rate (500 liters/min.) into an airtight box. In our experiments, the realization that a surprisingly high number of aerosols exiting the input nozzle (2 mm ID) is detected suggests that our specially designed nozzle was partially "focusing" the aerosols in the vicinity of the laser-sample volume. It is most rewarding to make the time investment necessary to design a nozzle that can focus the aerosols into a volume comparable to the laser-sample volume  $50 \times 50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^3$ . With a 2 mm (ID) entrance nozzle, focusing of aerosols into the laser focal volume would increase the particle diagnostic rate by  $(2000/50)^2 = 1,600\text{X}$ . By a shadowgraph- imaging technique we know the aerosol-focusing waist to be 0.5 mm and, thus, we have achieved a focusing enhancement of  $(2000/500)^2 = 16\text{X}$ . Nevertheless, the present instrument can detect the presence of a dog in the laboratory, when people are moving around and talking in the laboratory, and the room dust settles when the laboratory is empty (see Figs. 1 and 2).

2) We introduced a new technique to record the angular distribution, within a  $\pm 20^\circ$  range of polar angles ( $\theta$ ) and equatorial angles ( $\phi$ ), of the elastic scattering from any individual aerosols. By using the Abbe sine condition, a perfect lens transform a given pair of angles ( $\theta, \phi$ ) into a unique point (x,y) in a plane of a CCD camera. We coined this technique with an acronym TAOS to represent two-dimensional angular optical scattering. TAOS has been determined for spherical, spheroidal (oblate and prolate), and a pair of nearly touching microdroplets as well as clusters of mono-dispersed polystyrene latex spheres and *B. Subtilis*. We have interested several world-class theorists (e.g., G. Videen, O.I. Sindoni, and S.C. Hill) to compare their computer-intensive calculations of spheroids and

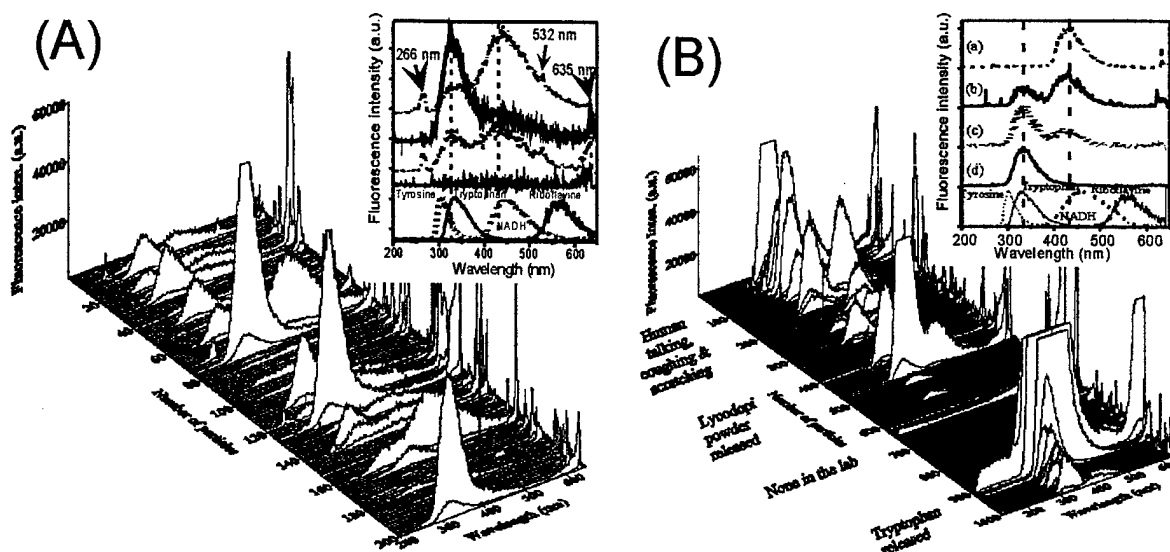


Fig. 1 (A) 200 consecutive single-shot fluorescence spectra from the ambient aerosols when a dog was wandering and being petted around. The typical spectral lineshapes are shown in the inset with the spectra from four of the primary fluorophors in biological aerosols. (B) 1000 consecutive single-shot fluorescence spectra from the ambient aerosols at the disturbance of human talking, coughing, and scratching, as well as at the releasing of some well-known aerosols. The observed spectral lineshapes from human beings are indicated as (a), (b), (c), and (d) in the inset with the spectra from four of the primary fluorophors in biological aerosols. Both the spectra from dog and human being are composed of two peaks in the UV and blue region around the similar wavelengths, but the width of the blue peak from dog is much broader, and with 5 nm blue-shift for the UV peak.

clusters with the corresponding experimental TAOS results. Such comparisons were excellent but suggested to us the need to extend the angular range for both the  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . The TAOS data taken in the near- forward and near-backward directions, should provide, in principle, information on the cluster size and shape, the surface roughness, and possibility of the index of refraction of the primary particles. TAOS provides more physical description of the particle while fluorescence provides optical or electronic information of particle. By combining the TAOS distribution with the fluorescence spectrum from the SAME particle should produce a more stringent set of requirements that decision for classifying aerosols can be made. For example *B. subtilis* and cigarette smoke essentially have the same fluorescence spectra, but their physical size and shape being vastly different, would have generated different TAOS distributions for the bacterial cell clusters and soot.

3) We introduced a not-so-well known multi-channel detector, a 32-anode photomultiplier tube (PMT), to the field of fluorescence spectroscopy that require the detector to have single-photon sensitivity. We interested Vtech (Andover, MA) to design and build the necessary interface electronics so that the photo-electrons associated with the single laser-shot fluorescence spectra (spread from 250 nm to 700 nm and detected by 32 spectral bands) can be sample & hold until the computer was readily to receive the D-to-A data from the 32 anodes. We found that the sensitivity of the 32-anode PMT was

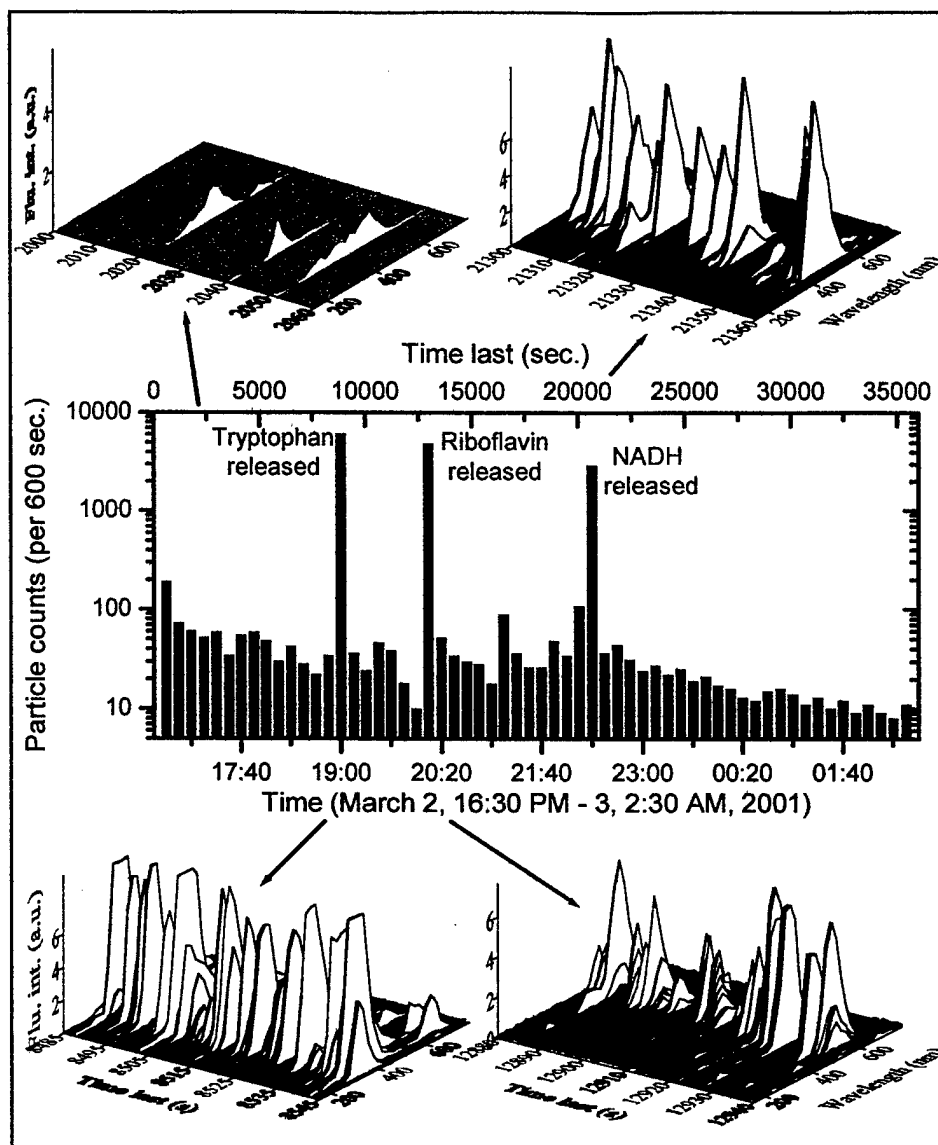
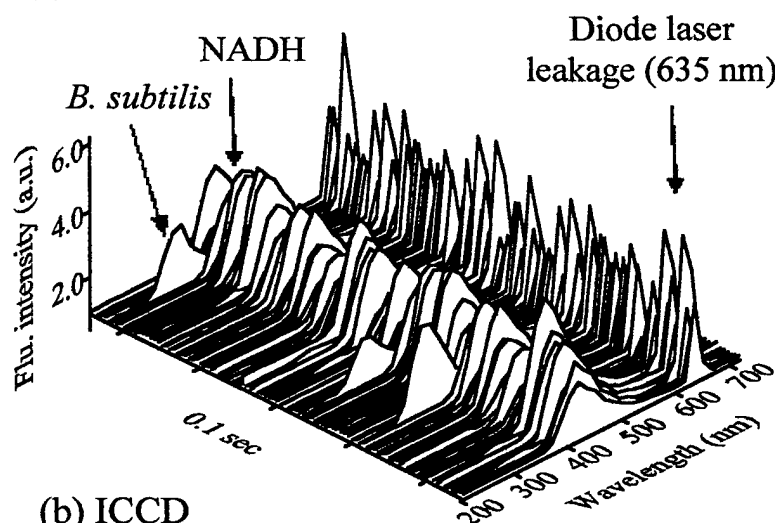


Fig. 2 The histogram of particle number (fluorescence spectra) captured by the instrument within every 10 minutes (from March 2, 16:30 pm to March 3, 2:30 am) by monitoring the ambient air in the laboratory with occasionally about 10 seconds releasing of tryptophan, riboflavine, and NADH for each sample. The four three dimensional spectra demonstrate the observed fluorescence at four time periods within 1 minute.

comparable to an “intensified CCD” detector (ICCD). However, both detectors have single-photon sensitivity. The ICCD detector that resolves the 250-700 nm spectral coverage with 1024 pixels, whereas the 32-anode PMT only resolves this coverage with 32 bands. Because the bio-aerosol fluorescence bands are so broad, the 32-bands seem adequate. However, there exist a tremendous speed advantage with the 32-anode PMT which can record fluorescence spectra at 1.4 kHz while the ICCD record fluorescence spectra at 25 Hz. In a dense aerosol situation, the speed advantage of the 32-anode PMT is essential. This speed advantage allowed us to detect minority aerosols (*B. subtilis*) in

the presence of abundant amount of another type of aerosols (NADH) (see Fig.3). The time response (1 ns) of the 32-anode PMT is like that of a single-anode PMT. By keeping the 32-anode PMT behind a spectrograph, any spectral changes with time could readily be observed by recording simultaneously the time response from several different anode pins which corresponds to detecting the time response at different wavelengths (see Fig. 4).

(a) 32-anode PMT



(b) ICCD

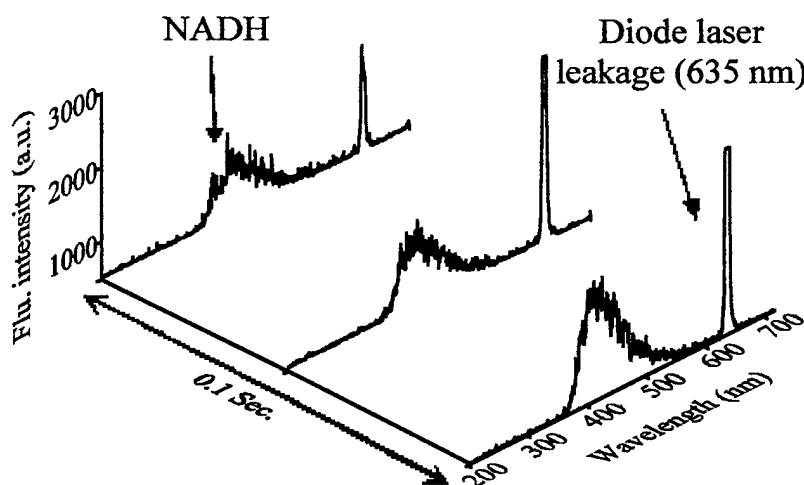


Fig. 3 Consecutive single-shot fluorescence spectra of aerosolized ( $\approx 5 \mu\text{m}$  in diameter) *Bacillus subtilis* bacteria and NADH mixture taken by the 32-anode PMT and ICCD-based detector systems. Within 0.1 s, the 32-anode PMT system captured 100 fluorescence spectra (can reach a repetition rate of 1.4 KHz). Because of the difference in the particle density, only 3 *Bacillus subtilis* bacteria spectra (peaked at 330 nm) were detected while dominated by the NADH aerosols (97 spectra, peaked at 450 nm). Under the same experimental conditions, the ICCD-based detector captured only 3 NADH fluorescence spectra in all. The sharp peak at 635 nm is the elastic-scattering from the diode laser.

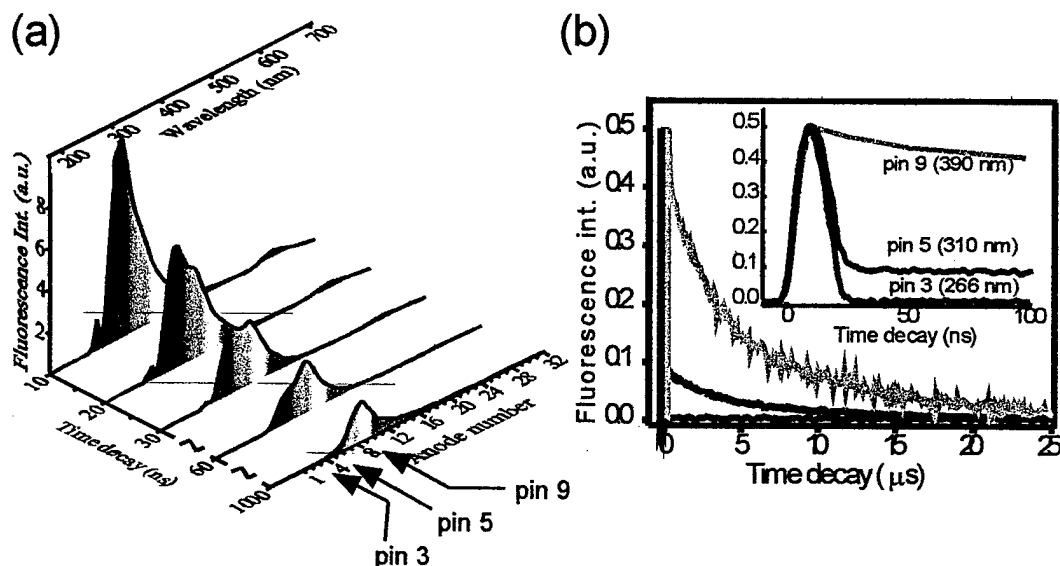


Fig. 4 (a) A set of fluorescence spectra of  $\text{LiO}_2$  powder that were recorded (with a fixed gate interval) at different time-delay after excited by a 266-nm pulse laser (10 ns duration). (b) The temporal profiles of the laser, the 320 nm band (emission with a lifetime less than 5 ns), and the 370 nm band (emission with a lifetime about 6  $\mu\text{s}$ ). All three time responses were measured simultaneously by this 32-anode PMT.

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